

In the Claims:

Please add new claims 50-55. The claims are as follows:

1-21. (Canceled)

22. (Previously presented) A contract handling method relating to an executed master contract between a corporation and a company, said corporation comprising a plurality of units, said method comprising generating at least one statement of work (SOW) under the master contract, each SOW of the at least one SOW being associated with a corresponding unit of the plurality of units such that each SOW describes a project of its corresponding unit with the company, said generating comprising, for a SOW of the at least one SOW:

selecting one or more model agreements from a library of model agreements;

merging all or part of the one or more model agreements to form the SOW;

processing reminders of key dates for the SOW into tracking data; and

storing the SOW and the tracking data in a repository.

23. (Previously presented) The method of claim 22, said key dates for the SOW being listed in the SOW.

24. (Previously presented) The method of claim 22, said method further comprising sending to the unit corresponding to the SOW a reminder of a first key date of the key dates, said reminder being automatically sent prior to an occurrence of the first key date.

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25. (Previously presented) The method of claim 24, said reminder being automatically sent via e-mail.

26. (Previously presented) The method of claim 24, said first key date being a date of expiration of the master contract.

27. (Previously presented) The method of claim 22, wherein the one or more model agreements were pre-approved by the corporation prior to said selecting such that further approval of the one or more model agreements by the corporation is not required to form the SOW.

28. (Previously presented) The method of claim 22, said at least one SOW being a plurality of SOWs.

29. (Previously presented) The method of claim 28, said method further comprising receiving an inquiry as to a status of each SOW of the plurality of SOWs.

30. (Previously presented) The method of claim 22, said method further comprising sending a notice to the corporation upon formation of the SOW from said merging, said notice indicating that the SOW has been formed.

31. (Previously presented) The method of claim 22, said selecting comprising selecting the one or

more model agreements from model agreements in a plurality of languages.

32. (Previously presented) The method of claim 22, said method further comprising selecting one or more alternate clauses from a library of alternate clauses and replacing part of the selected one or more model agreements with said one or more alternate clauses.

33. (Previously presented) The method of claim 22, said method further comprising selecting a supplemental provision from a library of supplemental provisions and merging the supplemental provision into the SOW.

34. (Previously presented) A contract handling system relating to an executed master contract between a corporation and a company, said corporation comprising a plurality of units, said system comprising:

a document assembler for selecting one or more model agreements from a library of model agreements and for merging all or part of the one or more model agreements to form a statement of work (SOW) under the master contract, said SOW being between associated with a unit of the plurality of units such that the SOW describes a project of the unit with the company;

a tracker tool for processing reminders of key dates for the SOW into tracking data; and
a repository for storing the SOW and the tracking data.

35. (Previously presented) The system of claim 34, said key dates for the SOW being listed in the SOW.

36. (Previously presented) The system of claim 34, said system further comprising means for sending to the unit a reminder of a first key date of the key dates.

37. (Previously presented) The system of claim 34, wherein the one or more model agreements are pre-approved by the corporation such that further approval of the one or more model agreements by the corporation is not required to form the SOW.

38. (Previously presented) The system of claim 34, said system further comprising means for sending a notice to the corporation upon formation of the SOW from said merging, said notice indicating that the SOW has been formed.

39. (Previously presented) The system of claim 34, wherein the model agreements in the library of model agreements are in a plurality of languages.

40. (Previously presented) The system of claim 34, said system further comprising a library of alternate clauses and a library of supplemental provisions, said library of alternate clauses and said library of supplemental provisions each being accessible to the document assembler, said library of alternate clauses comprising one or more alternate clauses adapted to replace part of the selected one or more model agreements, said library of supplemental provisions comprising one or more supplemental provisions adapted to be merged into the SOW.

41. (Previously presented) A computer program product, comprising a computer readable

medium having a computer readable program code embodied therein, said computer readable program code adapted to implement a contract handling method relating to an executed master contract between a corporation and a company, said corporation comprising a plurality of units, said method comprising generating at least one statement of work (SOW) under the master contract, each SOW of the at least one SOW being associated with a corresponding unit of the plurality of units such that each SOW describes a project of its corresponding unit with the company, said generating comprising, for a SOW of the at least one SOW:

- selecting one or more model agreements from a library of model agreements;
- merging all or part of the one or more model agreements to form the SOW;
- processing reminders of key dates for the SOW into tracking data; and
- storing the SOW and the tracking data in a repository.

42. (Previously presented) The computer program product of claim 41, said key dates for the SOW being listed in the SOW.

43. (Previously presented) The computer program product of claim 41, said method further comprising sending to the unit corresponding to the SOW a reminder of a first key date of the key dates, said reminder being automatically sent prior to an occurrence of the first key date.

44. (Previously presented) The computer program product of claim 41, wherein the one or more model agreements were pre-approved by the corporation prior to said selecting such that further approval of the one or more model agreements by the corporation is not required to form the

SOW.

45. (Previously presented) The computer program product of claim 41, said at least one SOW being a plurality of SOWs, said method further comprising receiving an inquiry as to a status of each SOW of the plurality of SOWs.

46. (Previously presented) The computer program product of claim 41, said method further comprising sending a notice to the corporation upon formation of the SOW from said merging, said notice indicating that the SOW has been formed.

47. (Previously presented) The computer program product of claim 41, said selecting comprising selecting the one or more model agreements from model agreements in a plurality of languages.

48. (Previously presented) The computer program product of claim 41, said method further comprising selecting one or more alternate clauses from a library of alternate clauses and replacing part of the selected one or more model agreements with said one or more alternate clauses.

49. (Previously presented) The computer program product of claim 41, said method further comprising selecting a supplemental provision from a library of supplemental provisions and merging the supplemental provision into the SOW.

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50. (New) The method of claim 22, wherein the master contract cannot be closed if any SOW of the at least one SOW is still open.

51. (New) The method of claim 22, said method further comprising:

amending the master contract; and

notifying all associated SOW owners of the at least one SOW of said amending.

52. (New) The system of claim 34, wherein the master contract cannot be closed if any SOW of the at least one SOW is still open.

53. (New) The system of claim 34, wherein if the master contract is amended, the tracker tool notifies all associated SOW owners of the at least one SOW that the master contract has been amended.

54. (New) The computer program product of claim 41, wherein the master contract cannot be closed if any SOW of the at least one SOW is still open.

55. (New) The computer program product of claim 41, said method further comprising:

amending the master contract; and

notifying all associated SOW owners of the at least one SOW of said amending.